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SUBJECT: FAO AD HOC CMTE ON FOOD AND NUTRITION POLICIES,  
ROME, MARCH 6-10

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1. DR. MAGRABI AT SUBJECT MEETING ON MARCH 7 DELIVERED THE  
FOLLOWING STATEMENT. BEGIN TEXT: PROGRESS REPORT  
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING NUTRITION  
IN RESOLUTION V OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND THE MANILA  
COMMUNIQUE OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE WFC. U.S. POSITION:

THEUSDEL NOTES THAT WHILE SOME EXCELLENT PROJECTS HAVE  
UNDOUBTEDLY BEEN IMPLEMENTED (HOWEVER, WITHOUT WISHING TO  
CONTRADICT DR. MERMODE OR UNDERRATE THE FORCE OF HIS POINTS),  
THE SCALE AND VIGOR OF THE TOTAL EFFORT HAS BEEN DISAPPOINTING.  
OVERALL THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE INDICATION THAT ALLEVIATION  
OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION HAS BECOME A PRIORITY OF THE  
ORGANIZATION. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE DG SHOULD CONSIDER BOTH  
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REGULAR PROGRAM AND EXTRA-BUDGETARY ACTIVITIES AND PRESENT  
TO THE AUTUMN SESSION OF THE COUNCIL PROPOSALS FOR FULL AND  
VIGOROUS IMPLEMENTATION OF NUTRITION RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND THE MANILA COMMUNIQUE, TO SHIFT  
ATTENTION TO NUTRITION FROM AREAS ELSEWHERE IN FAO THAT HAVE  
LOWER PRIORITY. IN THE HOPE THAT IT MAY BE USEFUL TO THE DG,  
WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS:

A. ACTIVITIES THAT EFFECT NUTRITION IMQHOVEMENT SHOULD BE ACCORDED HIGHEST PRIORITY AMONG ALL FAO REGULAR PROGRAM AND EXTRABUDGETARY ACTIVITIES--THEY SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND EXPANDED. ALSOWY PRIORITIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AMONG THOSE ACTIVITIES DIRECTLY RELATED TO NUTRITION, IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THOSE THAT ARE LESS EFFECTIVE OR LESS EFFICIENT.

B. PROGRAMS FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE ACTIVITIES FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF SEVERE HUNGER OR MALNUTRITION AND FOR LONGER TERM ELIMINATION OF THE CAUSES OF MALNUTRITION AND UNDERNUTRITION.

C. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INCREASING THE SELFSUFFICIENCY OF COUNTRIES IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS CAN BE MOST EFFICIENTLY OR EFFECTIVELY CONDUCTED WITHIN A COUNTRY AND ENCOURAGING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG COUNTRIES IN OTHER ACTIVITIES WHERE COOPERATION COULD LEAD TO GREATER EFFICIENCY.

D. ADEQUATE ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO ACTIVITIES THAT ENABLE FAO TO EFFECTIVELY CARRY ON ITS LEAD AGENCY ROLE THROUGH:

--ASSESSING NEEDS OF COUNTRIES FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT ASSISTANCE;

--WORKING AS A MEMBER OF THE ACC/SCN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT BY UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES OF UNCLASSIFIED

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COMPREHENSIVE PLANS FOR THE ALLEVIATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION, BASED ON APPROPRIATE COOPERATION AND DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES; AND

--COORDINATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THOSE PLANS AND EVALUATION OF RESULTS. END TEXT.GARDNER

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